GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been actively considering to review the centrally sponsored scheme for improving judicial infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted to each State Government/UT under the said scheme during the last three years, scheme -wise;

(c) whether the Government have received reports that the State Governments have not properly utilised the funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for improving judicial infrastructure is reviewed periodically in consultation with the Planning Commission as per suggestions received from various sources. The progress of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary, which has been in operation since 1993-94 is being reviewed twice in a year in the Department of Justice. Last such review was held on 13th November 2002 in the conference of the Law/Home Secretaries of the State Governemtns/UT Administrations organised by the Department of Justice.

(b): A statement showing the amount released to each State/UT during the last three years is at Annexe.

(c)&(d):From 1993-94 to 2001-2002 an amount of Rs.478.05 crore has been released to various States/UTs. With the matching State`s share, the States/UTs are required to spend an amount of Rs.884.28 crore. Against this the State Governments/UT Administrations have spent an amount of Rs.1024.53 crore so far. Such of the State Governments which have not utilised the funds fully are periodically urged to utilise the funds fully failing which are subsequent instalments of funds are not released to them. During the year 2002-2003, the States of Manipur, Meghalaya and UT of Lakshadweep were not released the first instalment of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for this reason.